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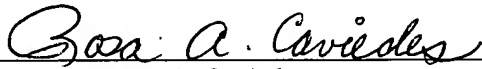


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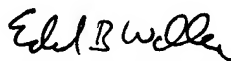
A concise explanation of relevance of the cited Japanese Patent Applications are as follows. The cited Japanese Patent Application 11-330259 discloses input idle-mode vector and modification of threshold voltages of transistors to reduce leakage current. The cited Japanese Patent Application 11-282886 discloses replacing cells with low-leakage cells which consist of higher threshold voltage transistors. The cited Japanese Patent Application 11-195976 discloses a dual Vt technique to reduce leakage power.

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Respectfully submitted,

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	11-330259	11-30-99	Japan				X
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	11-195876	7-21-99	Japan				X

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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